

FROM THE WINGS

By Betty Schroeder

Typical evening spent at Chapel Theatre in Torrance, these last few weeks before opening night which will be Friday, Oct. 18, shows the theatre in a state of flurried, frenzied and fun-type confusion. From the top, Ed Long as director and actor, to the bottom—but there is no bottom, as everyone in this presentation plays an important part in this tremendously ambitious theatrical production to be staged in Chapel Theatre.

In the actors' lounge, commonly referred to as "The Green Room" we find make-up girl Marlene Sena experimenting on the faces of Don Hoover and George Bingham, light and sound men, who patiently allow themselves to be "bearded;" someone else is ironing the beard material for easier application on the model; another is putting different records on the recorder and turning up the volume full blast for Ed Long to hear in the auditorium so he can choose the appropriate music; the wardrobe room is buzzing with busy Maxine Dessau who is coordinating costumes for her sewing staff (consisting of Mabel Monteleone, Mary Jenks and Maxine Cusick) to alter, adjust and fit each character.

Flitting among all this activity is Romona Bingham, producer who is gathering props from the prop room; calling out to actors who are due on stage; helping Maxine pull out costumes and materials, and generally trying to keep an eagle-eye on everything going on, darting in and around all this activity is Chapel's photographer Pat Monteleone catching candid shots of this motley crew for posterity! Through all this obvious hilarity, poor script girl, Lynda Gorchester of Torrance, must sit with her eyes glued to the book in case an actor is in need of prompting, and must remain steadfastly unperturbed by the excitement around her.

Meanwhile, back on the

stage, Ed Long is hopping up and down from the stage area to the auditorium seats showing, suggesting, stimulating the actors into perfect perceptions of their characters. The remarkable thing about these rehearsals is that the director is working toward the anticipated reactions of the audience, thus creating the most effective facial expressions and physical movements possible toward this end.

This is a challenging undertaking because of the tremendous liberties the author Jean Anouilh has given every actor who portrays any of the colorful characters in this four-act comedy, and the fact that director Long has given his actors carte blanche in their characterizations of these roles. The action being in the early 1900's adds so much interest, what with the fantastic costumes being organized and collected by Maxine, the quaint type of dialogue of that period, and the customs and mannerisms of that day.

The cast consists of three thieves who attend a carnival who are artists of the disguise, Ed Long of Manhattan Beach as Hector, Fred West of Los Angeles as Peterbono, Ed Rice of Hollywood as Gustave. The romantic angles include Sue Sabas of Torrance as Eva and Jeannie Appel of Torrance as Juliette. Rounding out the hilarious cast are Noel Shire of Torrance as The Maestro, Warren Lavender of Hermosa Beach as Lord Edgard, Sallie Conrad of Torrance as Lady Hurl, Warren Dieter of San Pedro as Dupont-Duffort Sr., Dennis Morgan of Inglewood as Dupont-Duffort, Jr., and Noreen Anderson as the little girl.

It is suggested that reservations be made well in advance, as there are several nights sold out, by calling box office FR 2-9636. Curtain is at 8:30 p.m. with admission prices being \$1.50 Fridays and Sundays and \$1.75 Saturdays.

Hollywood Stars Slated For Y-Day in Hollywood

A full lineup of Hollywood stars — selected to interest every age level — has been set for the 31st annual edition of Y-Day in Hollywood. The show, scheduled for the Hollywood Bowl on Oct. 19th, is the largest single YMCA event in the world.

A group of 50 to 100 boys and girls from the Torrance YMCA will attend, said Art Sears, Youth Secretary. Besides circus acts, clowns and cowboys to interest the younger set, Y-Day performers include Soupy Sales, surf singers Jan and Dean, Mike Clifford, The Rivingtons, The Routers, Duabe Eddy and his Twangy Guitar, the KFWB Hootenanny Singers and Bob Vinton.

Art Linkletter will serve as master of ceremonies. Others on the show include the U.S. Marine Band,

Muzzy Marcelino and his band, announcer Jack Slatery and the group from Linkletter's "House Party."

"Prizes for this year's Y-Day are greater than ever," said Sears. "They include a \$500 merchandise order from a Chicago mail order house, a Revel racing car layout valued at more than \$500, a Magic Chef range, a Westinghouse stereo phono, Samsonite luggage and 150 stereo phono albums."

"Other prizes include enough Albers breakfast food for a YMCA benefit breakfast, Hamilton Beach mixers, electric shavers, six Heilbros watches, AMB bowling balls and bags, cosmetic cases, jewelry and a Bell and Howell motion picture camera," concluded Sears.

Tickets will be available at the Y.

County Library Issues List of Latest Books

"Tomorrow will be different."

So says a book list prepared by the Los Angeles County Public Library currently available at the five local branches.

Listing many of the titles and authors of the latest books in the fields of pure and applied science, it offers an awe-inspiring curtain raiser on the world-around-th-corner, a world which can be described as "out of this world."

All of the books mentioned in the pamphlet, selected by Mrs. Marjorie Sheppard, subject specialist in the field of science, are included in the library's current 2,124,686-volume book collection. All are popular and circulate extensively but they are available through the local branches of the library.

One of the books of great interest to this traffic-plagued area is on monorails, past, present and proposed; another, "The Moon: New World for Men," gives a look at what we have done in our lunar programs to date and what we are about to do.

The potentialities, hazards and benefits of nuclear energy are interpreted for the

general public by British scientist Ritchie Calder in "Living with the Atom."

There is a book on vertical take-off and landing aircraft, one that details the probable future effects of the computer on management policies and planning; one that surveys the newest uses of solar energy and its potential for mankind's benefit, along with descriptions of devices now used and others in process of development.

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